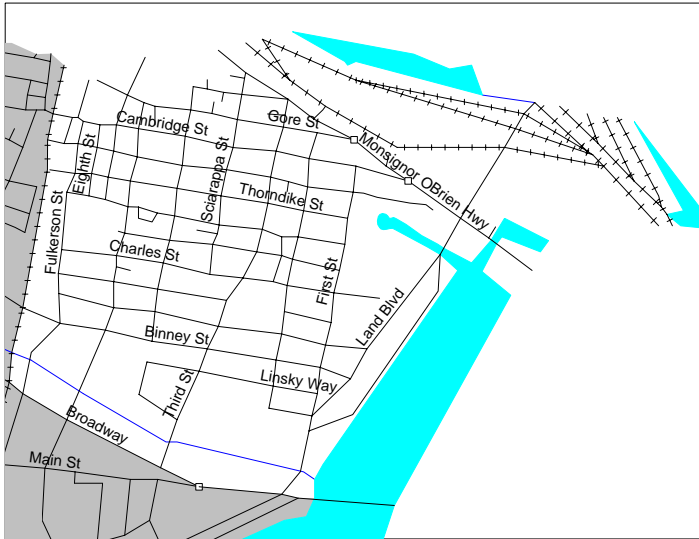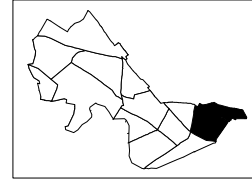# NEIGHBORHOOD 1
EAST CAMBRIDGE

BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: **7**,294 residents
                   2,726 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
                   $30,281

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

COMPARISON OF 3RD Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 – 2003

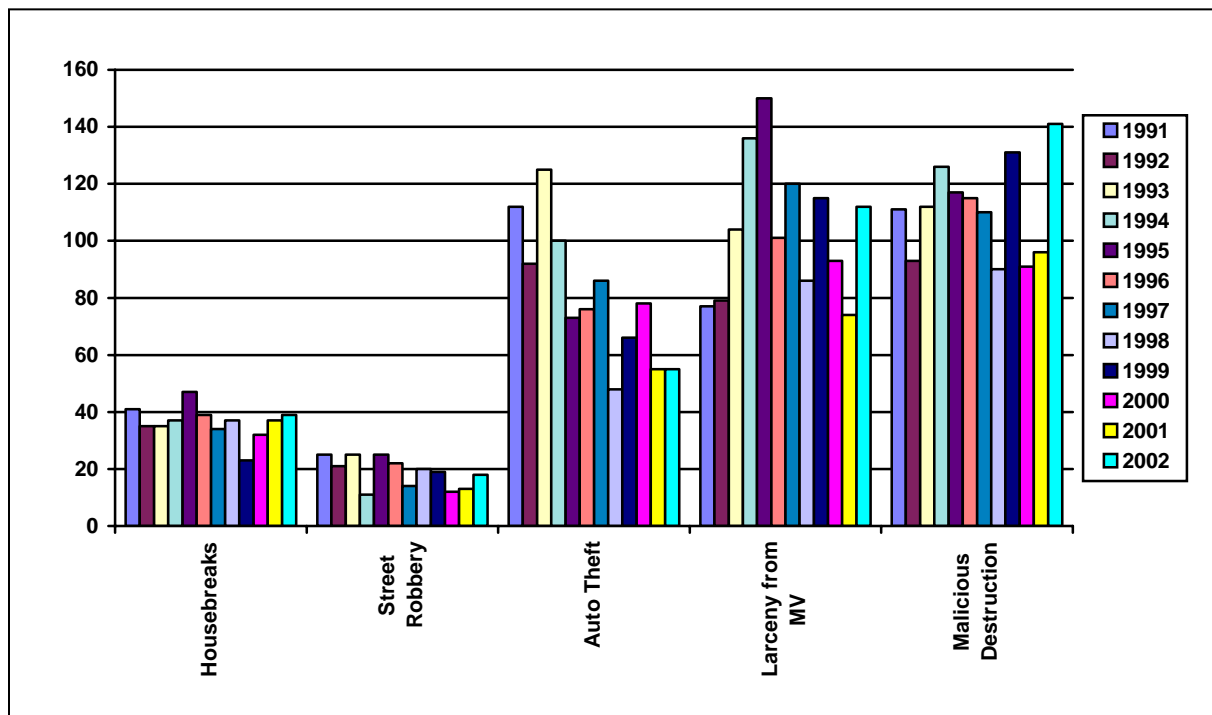| CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	20	26	31	34	25
Street Robbery	12	10	12	9	10
Auto Theft	54	47	56	45	34
Larceny from MVs	85	76	61	69	103
Malicious Destruction	103	60	87	104	95
Drug Arrests	8	7	7	11	20

2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

There were four **street robberies** in the East Cambridge over the summer months bringing the total for the first nine months of the year in this neighborhood to ten incidents. There were no weapons shown in any of the four robberies. An arrest was made in an attempted robbery at the Galleria Mall in August in a juvenile versus juvenile intimidation assault. The other three robberies were along or just south of Lower Cambridge Street and were snatch-and-grabs with two of the victims being female. Four of the ten street robberies in Neighborhood #1 this year have been in the corridor between the Galleria Mall and Lechmere Station.● Two of the four **drug arrests** in East Cambridge in the third quarter were the result of shoplifting arrestees at the Galleria Mall being in the possession of controlled substances. Two surveillance and sting cases by the Special Investigations Unit produced major arrests of ecstasy distributors on Cambridge Street and at a local restaurant.● A major weekday pattern of thefts from cars in parking lots between Charles and Binney Streets was the major impetus in the increase for **larceny from motor vehicles** in Neighborhood # 1 in the third quarter. The arrest of a pair of Chelsea residents in September appears to have dissipated this trend.● There were only six **housebreak**s in the area over the summer. Two of the incidents were at a high-rise apartment building that has been experiencing internal theft problems throughout the year.● After recording only 19 **auto thefts** over the first six months of 2003, this target crime spiked with 15 incidents reported between July and the end of September. A high percentage of the stolen vehicles were geographically concentrated in the corridor between Second and Fifth Streets with Hurley Street to the south. Eighty percent of the stolen vehicles were recovered in Somerville.

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.

- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest numbers here, of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.

- **Assaults**, **threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.

ANNUAL TOTALS

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	7
Street Robbery	10	11	20	4	4
Auto Theft	156	2	85	1	3
Larceny from MVs	121	5	107	1	2
Malicious Destruction	118	5	114	1	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest